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1. NCNA'S LENGTHLY EXCERPTS OF HUANG HUA'S OCTOBER 21 SPEECH IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION (USUN 522 AND NCNA OCTOBER 25) INDICATE HIS REMARKS WERE ESSENTIALLY A REITERATION WITH AMPLIFICATION

OF THE KOREAN PORTION OF PRC FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S SEPTEMBER 26 UNGA ADDRESS. PREDICTABLY THE PRC REPRESENTATIVE DENOUNCED THE US PROPOSALS, ENDORSED THOSE OF NORTH KOREA BUT AGAIN AVOIDED PROPOSING ANY TIME-FRAME FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM KOREA. THESE DENUNCIATIONS OF US POLICIES TOWARDS KOREA HAVE TENDED TO BE HARDER-HITTING AND MORE CRITICAL THAN IN RECENT YEARS AND, INDEED, MUCH STRONGER CRITICISM THAN HAS BEEN MADE OF US POLICIES IN GENERAL IN THE

PAST YEAR OR SO. THE CHANGE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE REFLECTS PRIMARILY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEKING'S CONCERN WITH HER RELATIONSHIP WITH PYONGYANG.

2. DURING KIM IL-SUNG'S APRIL VISIT TO CHINA, PEKING MAY WELL HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE GREATER DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITIONS. SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE PRC'S INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING KIM TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE KOREAN

REUNIFICATION ALONG PEACEFUL LINES. TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE PRC POLICY SUCCEEDS, IT RETAINS A PEKING-PYONGYANG RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS CLOSER THAN THE MOSCOW-PYONGYANG RELATIONSHIP AND IT ASSISTS IN AVOID-

ING AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES ON THE PENINSULA WHICH WOULD IN CHINESE

EYES RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF KIM'S BEING FORCED TO TURN TO MOSCOW FOR GREATER MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SUCH A CONFLICT OBVIOUSLY WOULD ALSO HAVE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF INCREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE REMILITARIZATION AND/OR THREATENING SINO-AMERICAN DETENTE EFFORTS.

3. THUS, THE PRC PROBABLY BELIEVES THAT IT MUST BE MORE ACTIVE IN BACKING NORTH KOREAN UN PROPOSALS THIS YEAR EVEN THOUGH THE INCREASED ANTI-AMERICAN INVective IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH OVERALL PRC PROPAGANDA AT THIS TIME.
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